IN THE CLAIMS

Please add the following new claims 18-26.

18. (new) A method of producing a coating composition comprising the steps of:

(a.) polymerizing a binder polymer from one or more copolymerizable monoethylenically unsaturated monomers, wherein at least one of said monoethylenically unsaturated monomers has latent cross-linking functionality;

(b.) polymerizing a dispersant polymer from monomers comprising a monoethylenically unsaturated monomer containing latent crosslinking functionality and a macromonomer comprising a hydrophobic portion and an alkoxylated portion;

(c.) forming a pigment grind mixture by mixing the dispersant polymer with pigment; and

(d.) mixing the pigment grind mixture with the binder polymer.

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19. (new) The method of claim 18, further comprising the steps of:

polymerizing a thickener polymer from monomers comprising a monoethylenically unsaturated monomer containing latent crosslinking functionality; and

mixing the thickener polymer with the pigment grind mixture and the binder polymer.

20. (new) The method of claim 19, wherein the monomer having latent cross-linking functionality that is used to form the binder polymer is a carbonyl-containing monomer selected from the group consisting of acrolein, methacrolein, diacetone acrylamide, diacetone methacrylamide and vinylaceto acetate.

21. (new) The method of claim 20, wherein the monomer having latent cross-linking functionality that is used to form the dispersant polymer is a carbonyl-containing monomer selected from the group consisting of acrolein, methacrolein, diacetone acrylamide, diacetone methacrylamide and vinylaceto acetate.

22. (new) The method of claim 21, wherein the monomer having latent cross-linking functionality that is used to form the thickener polymer is a carbonyl-containing monomer selected from the group consisting of acrolein, methacrolein, diacetone acrylamide, diacetone methacrylamide and vinylaceto acetate.

23. (new) A method of producing a coating composition comprising the steps of:

(a.) polymerizing a binder polymer from one or more copolymerizable monoethylenically unsaturated monomers, wherein at least one of said monoethylenically unsaturated monomers has latent cross-linking functionality;

(b.) polymerizing a dispersant polymer from monomers comprising a monoethylenically unsaturated carbonyl-containing monomer selected from the group consisting of acrolein, methacrolein, diacetone acrylamide, diacetone methacrylamide and vinylaceto acetate;

(c.) forming a pigment grind mixture by mixing the dispersant polymer with pigment; and

(e.) mixing the pigment grind mixture with the binder polymer.

24. (new) The method of claim 23, further comprising the steps of:

polymerizing a thickener polymer from monomers comprising a monoethylenically unsaturated monomer containing latent crosslinking functionality; and

mixing the thickener polymer with the pigment grind mixture and the binder polymer.

25. (new) The method of claim 24, wherein the monomer having latent cross-linking functionality that is used to form the binder polymer is a carbonyl-containing monomer selected from the group consisting of acrolein, methacrolein, diacetone acrylamide, diacetone methacrylamide and vinylaceto acetate.

26. (new) The method of claim 25, wherein the monomer having latent cross-linking functionality that is used to form the thickener polymer is a carbonyl-containing monomer selected from the group consisting of acrolein, methacrolein, diacetone acrylamide, diacetone methacrylamide and vinylaceto acetate.